


WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

HYMN FESTIVAL FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

7:00 P.M.



PRELUDE Allegro vivace from *Symphony 5* Ch. Marie Widor

INTRODUCTION John Wesley's "Directions for Singing" from *Select Hymns*, 1761

COMMENTARY The Rev. Dr. Guy Griffith

Please stand as you are able for the hymns marked with an asterisk.*

***HYMN 326 For All the Saints**

SINE NOMINE/Walter Pelz

- Verse 1: Choir & Congregation sing in unison
- Verse 2: All Tenor & Bass voices sing in unison
- Verse 3: Choir alone
- Verse 4: Choir treble voices alone
- Verse 5: All sing in unison

Author: William Walsham How, 1823-1897
Music: Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1872-1958
Tune Name: SINE NOMINE
Meter 10.10.10 with alleluias

COMMENTARY

HYMN 730 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Verse 1 All sing
Verse 2 Choir alone
Verse 3 All sing

GRAND ISLE/Wayne Wold

Author: Lesbia Scott, 1898-1986
Music: John Henry Hopkins, 1861-1945
Tune Name: GRAND ISLE
Meter: Irregular

COMMENTARY

*HYMN Ye Watchers & Ye Holy Ones

LASST UNS ERFREUEN/J. Ferguson

Author: John Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945
Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623,
Harmonized by R. Vaughan Williams, 1906
Tune Name: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Meter: LM with alleluias

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises,
Alleluia! Thou bearer of th'eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

COMMENTARY

HYMN: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DER LIEBEN GOTT/Cherwein

Author: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681
Music: George Neumark
Tune Name: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
Meter: 9.8.9.8.8.8

Verse 1: All sing in unison

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days;
For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

Verse 2: Choir alone

Verse 3: All sing in unison

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; Offer your service faithfully,
And trust God's word, though undeserving, There find the truth to set you free;
God will not fail to guide and bless Those who embrace God's faithfulness.

COMMENTARY

*HYMN 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL/Richard Webster

Verse 1: All sing in unison

Verse 2: All sing harmony

Verse 3: All sing in unison

Verse 4: All sing in unison

Author: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: Rowland Huw Prichard, 1811-1887
Tune Name: HYFRYDOL
Meter: 8.7.8.7 D

COMMENTARY

HYMN 463 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION/Tom Trenney

Verses 1-4 will be sung by the choir alone

Verse 5: All sing

Author: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787
MUSIC: An Early American Folk Melody from Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832
Tune Name: FOUNDATION
Meter: 11. 11. 11. 11.

ANTHEM We Remember Them

Susan LaBarr

At the rising sun and at its going down; We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter; We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring; We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer; We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn; We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends; We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength; We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart; We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make; We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share; We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs; We remember them.

For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as, We remember them.

(Poem by Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer)

COMMENTARY

HYMN When the Saints Go Marching In

John Rutter

(The congregation is invited to sing the final verse with the choir upon a cue from the conductor.)

Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in:

O Lord, I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in.

Author: Unknown, early Twentieth Century, New Orleans
Music: Unknown, early Twentieth, New Orleans
Tuen Name: WHEN THE SAINTS
Meter: 4.4

COMMENTARY

***FINAL HYMN Sing With All the Saints in Glory**

HYMN TO JOY/J. Ferguson

Author: William J. Irons, 1873 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827 Tune Name: HYMN TO JOY Meter: 87.87 Doubled
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Verse 1: All sing in unison

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

Verse 2: All sing in harmony

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'ernal gates.

Verse 3: All sing in unison

Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament; know, with thee, O God Immortal,
"Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

(Text by William Irons, 1873; Music by Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

HELMSLEY: Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

arr. Eberhard Ramm

Joel Treybig, Jeff Bailey, Trumpets
Jennifer Kummer, French Horn
David Loucky, Trombone
Gil Long, Tuba
Ron Sorbo, Percussion
Annaliese Kowert, Violin
Sam Levine, Clarinet and Flute
Westminster Choir
Dale Nickell, Organist and Associate Director of Music
Dr. John Semingson, Director of Music Ministries
The Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith, Commentary
Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture